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In re application of:

McClurg *et. al.*

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For: **Methods for Obtaining Print and
Other Hand Characteristic
Information Using a Non-Planar
Prism**

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Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. 708.2(IV)

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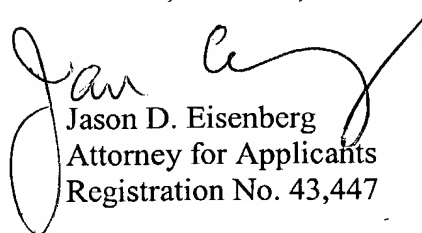
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This is a petition to the Assistant Commissioner to make the above-identified patent application special. Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-captioned application special on the basis of age (see, 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. Section 708.02(iv)). A verified statement showing that the Applicant is at least 65 years of age or more, accompanies this Petition. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the application be made special and that examination be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

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